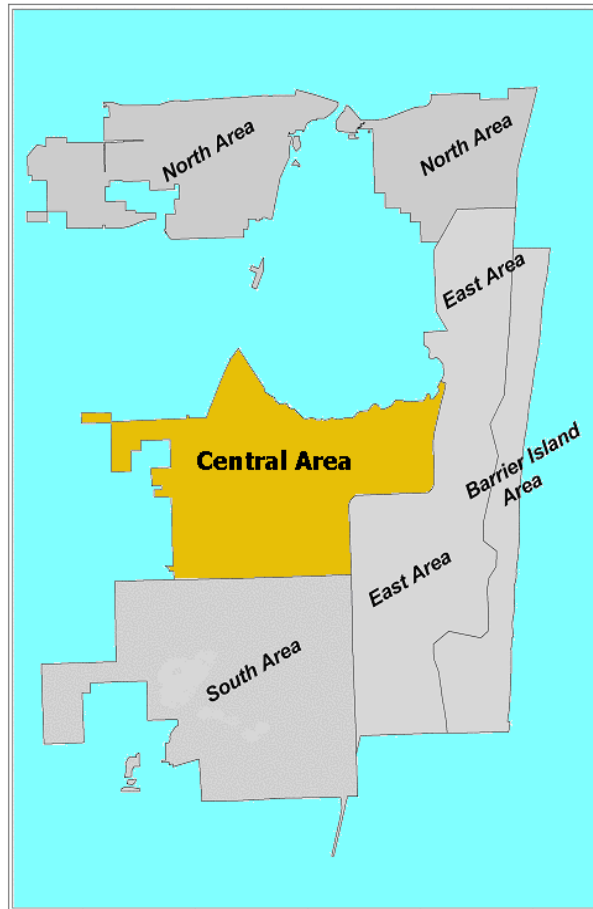


COMMUNITY AREA PLAN

CENTRAL AREA 1999-2001



DOCUMENT 1

EXISTING CONDITIONS: SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Central Area Vision Statement

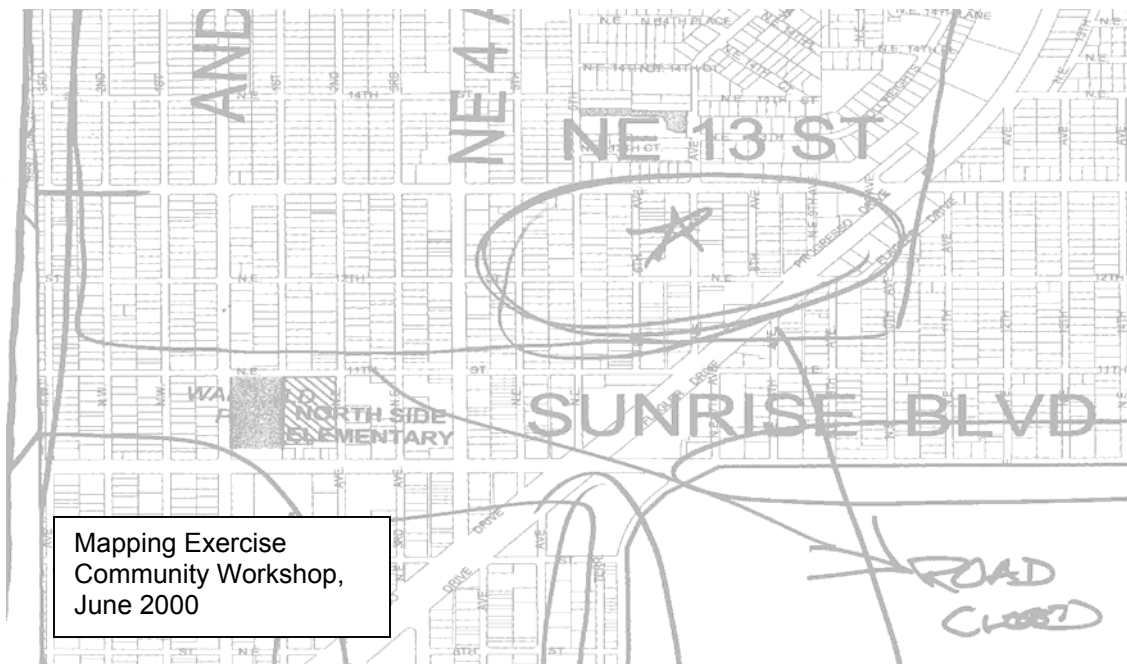
**“A Community of diverse neighborhoods successfully created
by people and businesses working, playing and living together
in the heart of Fort Lauderdale.”**

Central Area Community Leadership Committee

Appointed April 18, 2000

Central Area Plan

Approved on April 5, 2001



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Format of the Documents

Summary

In its highest form, a community area plan is a detailed, community-driven comprehensive document detailing the future growth and development of a specific geographic area of the city (*City of Arlington, Central Planning Sector, 1999*).

The Central Area CAP Report takes the form of a series of documents corresponding to various phases of the planning process:

Document 1: Existing Conditions - Inventory and Analysis

Section A: Overview of the CAP Initiative

Explains the Planning Process and Public Participation

Section B: The Environments (Subdivided into Six Different Topics)

1. *Human Environment*: The psychological outlook of the community
2. *Built Environment*: The structural makeup of the community
3. *Land Use Environment*: The land use patterns of the community
4. *Economic Environment*: The economic and employment conditions of the community
5. *Natural Environment*: The natural resources of the community
6. *Service Environment*: The public and private services provided to the community.

Summary of CLC role and responsibilities in the creation of Document 2: “Community Vision and Opportunities” and subsequent documents.

Document 2: Community Vision and Opportunities

Public Participation: The overall public participation process for the Central Area

Issues: Based on analysis of The Environments

Priorities: The Central Area CLC objectives and strategies (which do not represent the *final* Commission-approved recommendations for implementation)

Future Documents

After City Commission review of the CAP documents 1 and 2, the OCP staff will continue to work with the CLC to develop the Recommended Implementation Program. Updates to the Commission will document recommendations from the Central CAP Area CLC and the neighborhoods they represent.

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CAP Chronology

The **Community Area Planning (CAP)** initiative is an ongoing endeavor to help the City Commission and City Administration manage and direct change. Just as many governments are re-inventing themselves, the City needs to re-invent its planning, programming and implementing practices to advance the unique potential of all areas of the City.

On February 16, 1999, the City Commission gave their approval of the **Community Area Planning** process and identified the Central Area as the first planning area to participate in this initiative.

Community Forum I was held March 22, 2000 and March 25, 2000 to introduce the concept of **Community Area Planning** to all the stakeholders in the area.

Community Workshops were held on June 7, 2000; June 10, 2000; June 14, 2000; June 17 2000; June 21, 2000; and June 24, 2000 in which the Central Area community members generated nearly 900 goals. Staff and the City Commission appointed **Community Leadership Committee (CLC)** reviewed and streamlined these into a more manageable list: 145 Goals and 427 Objectives.

Community Forum II was held on August 16, 2000 where participants examined the Goals and Objectives and voted on those Goals they felt were the most important for the City to address at this time. The Goals that received the most votes were subsequently assigned to the **Community Leadership Committee** and **Interdepartmental Work Team (IWT)** to develop implementation strategies, cost estimates and benchmarking procedures.

Subsequently, CAP staff, the **CLC**, and **IWT** worked together to generate implementation strategies for the top 17 goals - the goals that received more than 50% of the votes at Community Forum II.

Community Forum III was held on November 15, 2000 to display the implementation strategies, timeframes for completion, and cost estimates for each goal. Participants reviewed these and prioritized each goal.

CLC Meetings were held throughout the process (April 27, 2000; May 11, 2000; July 13, 2000; September 7, 2000; November 1, 2000; December 12, 2000; January 10, 2001 and March 28, 2001) to promote the CAP initiative, guide staff on identifying the Central Area's priorities, assist staff in developing implementation strategies, and help City staff carry out the implementation of the City Commission approved goals.

On the 5th day of **April, 2001** at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Mayor and four City Commissioners unanimously approved the Central Area Community Area Plan and directed staff to prepare financial strategies for the financing of all 17 goals and schedule a City Commission Workshop to select and approve the most appropriate funding mechanism.

The **Community Area Planning Implementation Team (C.A.P.I.T.)** is now charged with developing partnerships with those organizations and City departments identified within the Central Area Plan who will be responsible for the implementation of the adopted strategies as well as monitoring the development of the implementation of the City Commission approved goals.

Community Area Planning Team

This report is the result of thousands of hours of research and discussion among citizens, community leaders, community organizations, and City staff between the months of November 1999 and February 2001.

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